









MATLS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Gundlach*, with the English mail, left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 18th, and may be looked for here on the evening of the 14th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

No. P. M. steamer *City of Tokio*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 1st of September, and may be expected here on about the 19th of October.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with the leading American mail, left San Francisco on the 23rd ult., and may be expected to arrive about the 27th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Menelaus*

Singapore on the morning of the 8th, and  
 lie here on the 18th instant.  
 From Netherlands India S. N. Co.'s steamer  
*Forta* left Batavia on the 2nd, and may be  
 expected to arrive here on or about the 16th inst.  
 The J. D. R. steamer *Massalia*, from Haa-  
 vre, left Singapore on the 12th, and may be  
 expected to arrive here on or about the 19th instant.

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**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

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The authorised List of Mails issued in  
 connection with this paper is the only published  
 list each day, in our Extra, which is always  
 issued a small later hour than that given  
 in the paper.

**A MAIL WHEEL CLOSE**

For Chiaofoo and Newchwang—For Osin, to-  
 morrow, at 11th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

From Shanghai.—Per *Hwai Xuen*, to-day, the 14th inst., at 11.30 a.m.  
 From Saigon.—Per *Baumcaul*, to-day, the 14th inst., at 3.00 p.m.  
 From Hongkong.—Per *Hecker*, to-day, the 14th inst., at 5.00 p.m.  
 From Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Wing Kiao*, to-day the 14th inst., at 5.00 p.m.

The English Mail packets will sail on the following dates:—

Monday,	October	the	17th
"	"	"	31st
"	November	"	14th
"	"	"	28th

HOUSES FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACTS.  
 THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
 At the following hours are observed in closing the contracts by the British Contract Packet:—

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
P.M.—Money Order Office closes.  
P.M.—Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
P.M.—Letters may be placed with late food parcels.  
P.M.—When the Post Office closes entirely.  
P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

**THE SPANISH MAIL.**  
**DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.**  
P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes. Money boxes, which is always sent out of office.

**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
P.M.—Post Office opens.  
P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fees of 10 cents until 10 A.M. on Tuesday.  
Letters from the East India class entirely free of postage.  
A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board ship packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET,**  
The British Coast Packet, "BOKARA," will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via *Bombay*; to the West Indies, Colonies, and South America, viz.: Antigua, Barbadoes, Bahia, Barmah, Cayenne, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Seynra, Malta, and India.

The "BOKARA" carries no mails for the Straits Colonies.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES - PACKET,**  
The United States Mail Packet "OPTICO" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via *Bombay*; to the West Indies, Colonies, and South America, viz.: Antigua, Barbadoes, Bahia, Barmah, Cayenne, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Seynra, Malta, and India.

which are subject to the following conditions:-  
United States, Canada, Australia, Peru  
which will be cleared as follows:-  
P.M. Registry closes, -  
Post Office closes, and Correspondence  
sent on board the vessel with Letters  
of 10 cents extra Postage until the time  
of departure.

THE HUSBANDS.

Persons who send Masters of Tea through  
Post in Tins are requested to have the  
first or square instead of round, as it is in  
fact to pack round tins securely is not  
possible. The tin must be packed in a  
strong box, and the tin must be packed  
safely in that tin, which are not so liable  
to come once to be bulged in."

Persons who send Masters of Tea through  
Post in Tins are requested as a precaution  
to be sealed, that is to say, the box is  
sealed with sealing wax, but there is no  
need of it.

**RATES OF POSTAGE.**

Covers, per 100	10 Cents
Cards, each	8 Cents
Cards, Patterns, and Commercial	9 Cents
Papers, per 100	2 Cents
Pamphlets or Prices Current, each	10 Cents
Books, each	10 Cents
Do., with return receipt	15 Cents

Commercial papers signify such papers as written by hand. Do not bear the character of correspondence. The charge for religious tracts, cards, and other similar publications, will be made at the discretion of the Post Office.

**LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.**  
Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Colonies in China, as well as to Japan, Manchu, Korea, and the Philippines. The weight must not exceed the following dimensions, namely, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, with more or less, nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 1 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they are for India, or partially open if they are for other parts. The Registration of Parcels in India is compulsory.

For parcels sent to other Colonies, no special means of registering small parcels need to be adopted, and the same may be sent to or from this Colony and between Colonies, as well as to or from India, without any special means of registering.

residents.  
Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$5.00 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of not less than two. Separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a letter.  
Stamps containing Stamps should be verified and the Stamp should be secured from the original owner.  
Responsibility can be accepted in this Department for erroneous replies to verbal inquiries, but not to those in writing. All correspondence addressed to subordinate officers. They are not to be sold off to sell stamps should especially be reported as able to give correct information. The Department is not to be held responsible for replies or which such information may be furnished.



